

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for locating cellular phone numbers comprising, in combination, the steps of:

compiling a list of cellular phone users from at least one  
5 cellular phone provider;

compiling a list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of  
said cellular phone users;

creating a database of said list of said cellular phone  
users and said list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of  
10 said cellular phone users; and

a user searching said database.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said database is an  
alphabetical directory of said cellular phone users and said  
corresponding cellular phone numbers.

3. The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical  
15 directory is published in an electronic network.

4. The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical  
directory is published in a phone book.

5. The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical  
20 directory is published in a CD-ROM.

6. The method of Claim 2 further comprising the step of  
generating revenue by soliciting advertising in said  
alphabetical directory.

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7. The method of Claim 2 further comprising the step of publishing a separate alphabetical directory for separate cellular phone providers.

8. The method of Claim 2 further comprising the steps of:  
5 compiling a list of cellular phone users of a first cellular phone provider;

compiling a list of cellular phone users of at least a second cellular phone provider;

compiling a list of cellular phone numbers of said cellular  
10 phone users of said first cellular phone provider;

compiling a list of cellular phone numbers of said cellular  
phone users of said at least a second cellular phone provider;

merging said list of cellular phone users and corresponding  
cellular phone numbers of said first cellular phone provider  
15 with said list of cellular phone users and corresponding  
cellular phone numbers of said at least a second cellular phone  
provider; and

creating an alphabetical directory of all cellular phone  
users and corresponding cellular phone from said first cellular  
20 phone provider and said at least a second cellular phone  
provider.

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9. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:  
tagging cellular phone numbers as unpublished at the  
request of corresponding cellular phone users; and

removing unpublished cellular phone numbers from said list  
5 of corresponding cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone  
users.

10. The method of Claim 1 wherein said database is  
available to be searched through a dial-in cellular phone  
directory capable of allowing said user to call a designated  
10 directory number and request a cellular phone number  
corresponding to a name of a cellular phone user.

11. The method of Claim 10 wherein said dial-in cellular  
phone directory is operated by a voice-recognition computer.

12. The method of Claim 10 wherein said dial-in cellular  
15 phone directory is operated by a person.

13. The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical  
directory is capable of being downloaded to a cellular phone.

14. The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical  
directory is capable of being downloaded to a computer.

20 15. The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical  
directory is capable of being downloaded to a personal digital  
assistant.

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16. A system for locating cellular phone numbers,  
comprising, in combination:

a memory for storing program instructions and data;

a processor coupled to said memory for executing said

5 program instructions; and

a user input device coupled to said processor for receiving  
user input, wherein said program instructions include  
instructions for

compiling a list of cellular phone users from at least  
10 one cellular phone provider;

compiling a list of corresponding cellular phone  
numbers of said cellular phone users;

creating a database of said list of said cellular  
phone users and said list of corresponding cellular phone  
15 numbers of said cellular phone users;

receiving a user input requesting a cellular phone  
number of a specific cellular phone user;

searching said database for a name of said specific  
cellular phone user;

20 locating said name of said specific cellular phone  
user from said list of cellular phone users from at least one  
cellular phone provider;

matching said name of said specific cellular phone  
user from said list of cellular phone users from at least one

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cellular phone provider with said corresponding cellular phone  
number of said cellular phone user; and

generating a response to communicate to a user a  
corresponding cellular phone number of said name of said

- 5 specific cellular phone user from said database of said list of  
cellular phone users and said list of corresponding cellular  
phone numbers of said cellular phone users.

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17. The system of Claim 16 wherein said response is communicated to a user audibly.

18. The system of Claim 16 wherein said response is communicated to a user textually.

5 19. The system of Claim 16 wherein said response to communicate to a user comprises a message that no corresponding phone number exists for said specific cellular phone user.

20. The system of Claim 16 wherein said response to communicate to a user comprises a message that said  
10 corresponding phone number for said specific cellular phone user is unpublished.

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